(c) whether Government propose to take any action against this unauthorised consumption of electricity without seeking prior permission;

(d) whether proposed action against violaters also include disconection of electricity besides raising heavy penalty from such unauthorised consumers; and

(e) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) According to DESU, some of the consumers in Delhi including some in U & V Pocket, Shalimar Bagh, B-3 Pocket, Lawrence Road and Phase-I, Ashok Vihar are reported to be using Air-Conditioners against the load sanctioned for domestic purposes. There are no specific complaints about the effect on power supply in the said areas due to the unauthorised use of air-conditioners. Use of air-conditioning load even if the consumer is in possession of a valid permission of Delhi Administration is prohibited during restricted peak hours (6.30 PM to 10.00 PM) under the Delhi Electricity Control Order, 1959, except in respect of certain exempted categories. Contravention of this provision involves disconnection of supplies for a period of 4 days in case of first contravention and for 7 days for each subsequent contravention after giving 48 days notice. Surprise checkings in this regard are generally carried out by DESU during the periods of power crises.

Investment in Power Sector during Eighth Plan Period

182. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the investments in the power sector approved for the Eighth Plan are less as compared to those envisaged earlier;

(b) what is the investment now approved for this sector; and

(c) whether this cutting down of investment on power would not intensify power shortage already being faced by the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The allocation of funds for the power sector for the 8th Plan period has not been finalised by the Planning Commission.

Capacity of various Power Houses of Madhya Pradesh

183. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual total electricity generating capacity of various power hauses of Madhya Pdoresh and what is the present actual electricity generation by such power houses in the State;

(b) what is the approximate demand of electricity in Madhya Pradesh every year;

(c) what is the difference between the generation and demand of electricity in the State; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to meet the entire electricity demand of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The details of the installed generating capacity, electricity gene-